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Mountain View Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Statement Available October 17

Public Comment Period runs from Oct. 17 through Dec. 24, 2007

SALT LAKE CITY (Oct. 15, 2007) - The Utah Department of Transportation announces the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Mountain View Corridor, a proposed highway and transit corridor in west Salt Lake County and northwest Utah County. The public comment period for the DEIS is Oct. 17 through Dec. 24, 2007.

"Five volumes, 34 chapters, 2,200 pages and 18 pounds later, we have reached a significant milestone on the Mountain View Corridor with the release of the DEIS," said Teri Newell, Mountain View Corridor Project Manager. "This document offers comprehensive transportation solutions for areas of Salt Lake County and Utah County that are experiencing tremendous growth and congestion."

The DEIS is available on the project Web site, www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview, or at local libraries. Library locations are listed on the project Web site. Comments on the DEIS may be submitted via:

- The project Web site: www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview.
- E-mail: mountainview@utah.gov
- Mail: Mountain View Corridor, C/O Parsons Brinckerhoff, 488 E. Winchester St., Suite 400, Murray, Utah 84107
- Phone: (800) 596-2556

Comments may also be made at three public hearings: Hunter High School in West Valley City, Nov. 14, 4 - 8 p.m.; Willow Creek Middle School in Lehi, Nov. 15, 4 - 8 p.m.; and Copper Hills High School in West Jordan, Nov. 17, 2 – 6 p.m.

Tremendous growth is projected in west Salt Lake County and northwest Utah County over the next 30 years, including a 167 percent increase in population, a 298 percent increase in employment, and a 223 percent increase in households. This growth will cause significant delay on many of the major north-south and east-west roads in the project area. It will also create new demands for public transportation or transit service.

After nearly five years of extensive study, the project team has narrowed the list of viable transportation solutions to two roadway alternatives and two transit alternatives in Salt Lake County. three roadway alternatives in Utah County and a trail system. The Federal Highway Administration will ultimately make the final selection of a preferred alternative, which will be documented in the Record of Decision in 2008.

Those interested in learning more about the Mountain View Corridor should check regularly on the project Web site at www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview.

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